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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1, 3-10, 12-19, and 68.

Add claims 69-126.

-- 69. A method of treating, preventing, or delaying development or progression of prostate cancer comprising:

providing an antibody or antigen binding portion thereof which binds to an extracellular domain of prostate specific membrane antigen; and

administering the antibody or antigen binding portion thereof to a subject in need of treatment under conditions effective to treat, prevent, or delay the development or progression of prostate cancer.

70. The method according to claim 69, wherein the prostate cancer is metastatic.

71. The method according to claim 70, wherein the metastatic prostate cancer involves a bone marrow or a lymph node metastasis.

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